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Field Crops

For the week ending November 28, the harvest of **Cotton** is complete on 75 percent of the acreage, ahead of last year's average of 71 percent, but behind the five year average of 82 percent.

Alfalfa harvest remained active on less than half of the State's acreage. **Alfalfa** condition was reported as 7 percent poor, 30 percent fair, 46 percent good, and 17 percent excellent.

Central Arizona growers were planting potatoes and onions.

Vegetables, Fruit and Other Specialty Crops

Last week producers in central Arizona shipped broccoli, cabbage, cantaloupes, Chinese cabbage, greens, green onions, head lettuce, herbs, miscellaneous Asian vegetables, parsley, romaine lettuce, leaf lettuce, spinach and watermelons. Western Arizona producers shipped broccoli, cabbage, cantaloupes, cauliflower, celery, chinese cabbage, endive, escarole, greens, green onions, honeydews, miscellaneous Asian vegetables, mixed melons, herbs, parsley and spinach last week. Lettuce shipments included boston, iceberg, leaf and romaine lettuces.

Producers in central Arizona shipped grapefruit, lemons and navels last week. Producers in western Arizona shipped grapefruit, lemons and navels last week.

Crop Progress				
Cotton Harvest	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Avg
	-Percent-			
	75	70	71	82

Crop Condition					
Alfalfa	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	–Percent–				
	0	7	30	46	17

Weather Summary

Temperatures for the State were mostly below normal for the week ending November 27. Temperatures ranged from 6 degrees below normal at Kingman and Parker to 5 degrees above normal at Winslow. The highest temperature of the week was 74 degrees at Coolidge while the lowest reading was

Flagstaff at 16 degrees. Precipitation was reported at 16 of the 17 reporting stations. Canyon De Chelly received the lowest amount of precipitation at 0.05 inches and Flagstaff received the highest amount of precipitation at 1.68 inches.

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**Temperatures and Precipitation Data
 November 21 - 27, 2004**

Station	Temperatures				Precipitation 2/		
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Normal to Date
Canyon De Chelly	38	4	56	26	0.05	7.63	8.82
Casa Grande	56	---	---	---	0.00	7.06	8.17
Coolidge	56	-2	74	37	0.35	7.63	8.36
Douglas	50	-2	68	28	0.23	9.18	12.64
Flagstaff	34	0	46	16	1.68	18.54	20.90
Gila Bend	60	-5	71	40	0.11	5.57	6.14
Grand Canyon	35	2	54	21	0.46	18.95	15.28
Kingman	48	-6	59	31	1.18	9.55	9.12
Parker	59	-6	70	41	0.55	6.85	4.57
Payson	43	-1	61	27	1.48	21.54	20.17
Phoenix	60	-3	70	46	0.28	6.40	7.28
Prescott Airport	42	0	57	28	0.64	8.98	13.14
Safford Ag Center	49	0	67	28	0.21	11.10	8.82
Tucson	56	-3	73	37	0.39	6.84	11.05
Willcox	48	-1	65	26	0.17	10.83	11.96
Winslow	40	5	62	26	0.33	7.38	7.46
Yuma	61	-5	73	42	0.29	2.47	2.56

1/ Departure of temperature for reporting period from average temperature for that week.

2/ Daily precipitation totals 5 a.m. to 5 a.m. instead of midnight to midnight. Periods of record used in computing "average to date" for precipitation and "departure" for average temperatures may be obtained from National Weather Service, Phoenix.

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